

Edward D. Fingerhood

Edward D. Fingerhood, a fellow and life member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, passed away Dec. 6, 1998, at the age of 61. While Ed was never elected an officer of the club, his contributions will remain with us for many years in many ways.

A past Councillor, Ed was editor of *Cassinia*, Volumes 60 to 62, as well as the DVOC newsletter. As chairman of Ornithological Studies, he stressed to the members the importance of keeping meticulous field notes, including the notation of subspecies. He graciously chaired the Annual Banquet for seven years and had served on both the Bylaws and Archives committees.

Ed will be most remembered for his contributions to the knowledge of birds in Pennsylvania and, specifically, Philadelphia. He was the first project coordinator and a member of the planning committee of the state's breeding bird atlas. He wrote the chapter in the *Atlas of Breeding Birds in Pennsylvania* on "History of Pennsylvania Ornithology," for which he accepted the DVOC Witmer Stone Award. He also was the author of the 16 species accounts of former nesters.

At the time of his death, he was working, with Keith Russell, on a comprehensive book on the birds of Philadelphia. He had for years been the Philadelphia County compiler for the journal *Pennsylvania Birds*, and he also coordinated the county's participation in the North American Migration Count.

Ed took on the role of watchdog of the falcons, as he held the position with the state of

wildlife technician. In this role, he monitored the Peregrine Falcon population on the bridges and buildings in the Philadelphia area. Those who attended meetings looked forward to his reports on the success of the area's nests. Last year, he was rewarded with a grand view of two white peregrine chicks that hatched on and eventually fledged from City Hall tower.

In many small ways, behind the scenes and at each meeting, Ed's presence and knowledge will be missed.

— *Sandra L. Sherman*